

# President Obama, Don't Turn Your Back on Women



- Providing no-cost family planning is good public health policy and an important advance under the Affordable Care Act. But **if you grant the refusal clause the Catholic bishops want, you will be supporting discrimination against millions of Americans, both Catholic and non-Catholic**, simply because of where they work or go to school.
- The majority of **American Catholics support affordable access to contraception** for all women and men, especially during these tough economic times. **Catholics themselves use contraception:** 98 percent of sexually active Catholic women have used the family planning the bishops want you to exclude from healthcare coverage.
- **Expanding refusal clauses** to allow some institutions and universities to refuse to provide coverage for contraception **is not what you promised in healthcare reform**. Giving in to the bishops' demands will mean preventive healthcare will cost more—not less—for millions of healthcare and social service employees, teachers and university students and their families.
- American **taxpayers' dollars should be used for the common good** and to enable people to exercise their conscience-based healthcare decisions.

**If you want to do what's right by American Catholics, don't make this deal with the bishops. Listen to the majority of the 68 million Catholics who want contraceptive coverage for everyone, not the 271 active bishops in the United States who don't.**

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